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SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Municipal Building Board Room

138 E. Main Street

Mount Horeb, WI

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Public Comment - non agenda items
- 3) Consent Agenda
 - a. Consideration of March 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- 4) Agenda Items
 - a. Presentation on energy use benchmarks and discussion on community involvement for Energy Plan
 - b. Review Bag Recycling Program Column
 - c. Discussion on Rotary/Green Team Partnership
 - d. Discussion on Pollinator Pathways
 - e. Discussion on Bird City Network Designation
 - f. Discussion on Calendar of Gardens
- 5) Future Agenda Items
- 6) Meeting adjournment.

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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Call to order
 - a. Roll Call
Chair White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members Present: White, Beheler, Grabe, Saltes, Butusov, Halverson and Giles. Members Absent: Gottwald. Also present: Administrator Owen.
- 2) Public Comment - non agenda items
No Public Comment
- 3) Consent Agenda
Motion by Halverson to approve the consent agenda, second by Saltes. Motion carried.
 - a. Consideration of February 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Adopt A Municipality Reports
- 4) Agenda Items
 - a. Presentation on Dane County Composting Station
Delaney Gobster, Business Development and Outreach Coordinator for Dane County Department of Human Waste and Renewables, presented details on the food scrap and composting program. The goal of the program is to keep organic waste out of the landfill. The county partners with Purple Cow Organics for the program. A new residential composting collection program will start in April. Through a partnership with the Madison Children's Museum, they created composting stations that will be placed in various locations in Dane County for residents to drop off their approved waste. Any Dane County resident can register, which includes agreeing to the terms of what can be composted.
 - b. Discussion on Slow Mow May
Larry Cruckman of the Mounds View Garden Club and Slow Mow May committee reported that they are changing the name from No Mow May to be more inclusive of those resistant to not mowing their lawns and slow

now can be practiced all growing season. Cruckman added that so far 150 residents have registered to participate. Administrator Owen reported no changes would be needed from a Village Ordinances, but the committee could consider a supporting proclamation to acknowledge the change in practice.

c. Bag Program Update

Bob Faliveno of the Mount Horeb Lion's Club bag collection program. Treks company provides 1 bench made of recycled material for every 1,000 pounds of plastic bags turned in and logged. So far the clubs efforts have resulted in 6 free benches and the 7th is on its way. In the 4 years of the program, they have collected and recycled over 10,000 pounds of plastic bags. Faliveno added that they could recycle more bags if they add partners, as you are limited to 1,000 pounds registered per year and boots on the ground assistance would help with collection. Faliveno said the next step in the program is to advance to the Grass Roots level where we would have our own collection site in Mount Horeb, which requires a building with a loading doc and room for a baler for the plastic bags. Treks provides reimbursement for the cost of the baler and after it is paid off all proceeds could be used locally for environmental projects. The consensus of the committee was to have Faliveno prepare an article for the paper for coordination with the SNR committee. The committee also discussed potential partnerships with the future Green Team and school groups.

d. Green Team Update

Grabe shared information on the Rotary International's Community Corps program which could be used to form the Green Team. The Rotary shares several core goals related to sustainability and environmental stewardship that align with what we envision for the Green Team. The Community Corps would provide a framework that would make forming the Green Team seamless. Rotary membership is not required to join the Community Corps. Grabe will present the idea of forming a community corps for this purpose to the Rotary Board next week. The consensus of the committee was that this would be a great way to start the Green Team and are supportive of Grabe's efforts.

e. Idling Campaigning Flyer

The committee reviewed the updated flyer and thought it looked great. White suggested moving the Village logo to the top sheet to make it more visible. The consensus of the committee was to run the flyer in the utility bill in August, timed with the start of the school's campaign next fall.

5) Future Agenda Items

a. Future Agenda Items

Slipstream will present their benchmarks and discuss community outreach at the April 22nd meeting and Strand engineers will present on the Water Pollution Control Facility and their adaptive phosphorus management program in May. Grabe and Beheler will draft an Earth Day article for the paper for next month. We will review the bag program column from Faliveno and discuss the Rotary/Green Team partnership.

6) Meeting adjournment.

Motion by Halverson, second by Beheler to adjourn. Motion carried 8:35 p.m.



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

April 22, 2025

PREPARED BY

Nicholas Owen, Administrator

AGENDA ITEM # 4.a

Presentation on energy use benchmarks and discussion on community involvement for Energy Plan

BACKGROUND

Staff from Slipstream will be present to walk us through the findings of their review of Village energy usage and discuss public outreach options.

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

None

Lions Recycling Beyond the Bag

By Becky Faliveno

Three years ago this past March, the Mt. Horeb Lions decided we wanted to do a service project that would help the community as well as the environment. After a bit of research we learned of an innovative plastic recycling program being done by Trex, the world's largest manufacturer of wood-alternative decking and railing. It was exactly what the Lions were looking for.

The NexTrex Recycling Challenge is a nation-wide program working with eco-minded organizations, businesses, municipalities, and educational institutions to responsibly dispose of polyethylene (PE) plastic waste and give it new life as environmentally friendly composite decking and outdoor living products. One of the largest recyclers of PE plastic film in North America, Trex upcycles more than 320 million pounds of plastic waste annually in its manufacturing process. Over the past three decades, Trex has diverted more than five billion pounds of plastic bags and film from landfills and waterways.

The challenge is simple and works like this: You register your group name with NexTrex.com to obtain access to the Trex portal. NexTrex then equips participating groups with up to three recycling bins, posters, and tech support. The group determines a 12-month collection time period, sets up the collection bins and posters around the community, begins collecting plastic, weighs each delivery and drops these collections off at a participating retailer, and then reports the recycling weight totals—with photos—to the my.trex.com website.

Items that **CAN** be included in the NexTrex bins are grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, Ziploc and other resealable storage bags, cereal bags, case overwrap, salt bags, pallet wrap and stretch film, wood pellet bags, and produce bags. Items that **CANNOT** be included are frozen food bags, candy bar wrappers, chip bags, net or mesh produce bags, pet food bags, pre-washed salad mix bags, meat or fish wrappings of any kind, six-pack rings, pool covers, lamination film, silage and hay bags, vinyl shower curtains or tablecloths, bedding or linen packaging, shiny or crinkly films like floral wrap, and PPE-gloves, masks, and protective wear. If you are unsure about whether your plastic is acceptable or not, try these tests:

1. See if the package will stretch when you pull it. If yes, it can be included. If it tears like paper, then please don't put it in the bins.
2. Is the package shiny, or does it make a crinkly/crunchy sound in your hand? If yes, do not recycle this in the bin.
3. Is your plastic clean, dry, and free of food residue? If so, include it. If not, please do not put it into the bins.

When the project began, in 2022, the first three local businesses that the Lions asked to participate in their challenge jumped on board enthusiastically. The Lions collected a total of 2,439 pounds of plastic filament that year. In 2023, once word had spread about what the Lions were doing, other retailers were eager to join in the effort, resulting in a total of 3,693 pounds of plastic filament collected. The third year saw

another 2,456 pounds of plastic that was diverted from landfills and instead used to make wood-alternative decking, railing, and furniture. In addition, for every 1,000 pounds of plastic reported to NexTrex, the Mt. Horeb Lions receive a bench made out of recycled plastic. These benches have been donated back to the village; to date, there are seven benches scattered throughout the community, with number eight soon to follow. You can find these benches at Lions Park, the Miller and Sons entrance, Jada's Garden center, the Senior center, two at the pickle ball courts, and the latest addition, soon to be placed at Cavalry cemetery. After each challenge is completed, there is a waiting period before another challenge can begin; during this time the Lions continue to pick up donated plastic from the collection sites around the village, and deliver it to Festival Foods in Verona—the nearest NexTrex retail partner to Mt. Horeb.

This service project started by the Mt. Horeb Lions would not have been possible without the generous help of many local businesses. First, a special thank you to Miller and Sons, Jada's Garden Center, and the Senior Center for believing in our mission from the beginning and giving us the space we needed. We are also profoundly humbled by and grateful for the enthusiasm we have received from the businesses, organizations, and individuals that have since joined this project and have given of their time, commitment, and, of course, their plastic: the Mt. Horeb Family Pharmacy, the Bargain Nook, Gemplers, McFee on Main, Melrose on Main, Duluth Trading, Hook's Cheese, Ruby's Pantry, Viva Infusions, Town of Blue Mounds, Culligan of Dodgeville, Walmart of Dodgeville, Shannon Elliott and her fantastic Girl Scouts, the Intermediate Center, all our wonderful neighbors and community members who drop their plastic off directly to us, and to Mt. Horeb's Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee for listening to our story and giving us the opportunity to share it with the village.

If you would like more information on the NexTrex Recycling Challenge, visit www.NexTrex.com, or feel free to contact any Mt. Horeb Lion.

which includes such coverages as medical (when traveling outside home country), emergency medical evacuation, repatriation of remains, and legal liability, in amounts satisfactory to the club or district organizing the event, with coverage from the time of the Interactors departure from home until the return home. (*April 2020 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 127*)

Source: July 1967 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 58;

Amended by January 2009 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 155; April 2020 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 127

41.010.14. RI Secretariat Service to Interact Clubs

1. The general secretary certifies organization of new Interact clubs, produces program publications, distributes annual communications to all Interact clubs, sponsor clubs, and district Interact committee chairs, promotes World Interact Week, and supports youth protection initiatives.
2. The general secretary processes certification of Interact clubs. The approval of the district governor is required as a prerequisite to certification.
3. As a matter of policy, the Board does not recognize the right of any individual or organization except RI to circularize Interact clubs for any commercial or other purpose.

(*April 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 157*)

Source: January 2010 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 140;

Amended by June 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 196; January 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 87; April 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 157

Cross-References

- 2.120. *Youth Protection*
8.020. *Special Observances*
34.060.4. *Interact and Rotaract Marks*

41.020. Rotary Community Corps (RCC)

Rotary Community Corps is a program of Rotary International, formerly known as the Rotary Village Corps, adopted by the Board in 1986.

The Rotary Community Corps (RCC) “Statement of Policy” is as follows:

1. The Rotary Community Corps program was developed and created by and is an activity of Rotary International, and the authority for the establishment and enforcement of the organizational requirements and standards of procedure, and for the protection and preservation of the Rotary Community Corps name is retained by Rotary International.
2. The purpose of the Rotary Community Corps Program is to empower communities to address their needs by developing and participating in sustainable service initiatives.
3. The goals of the Rotary Community Corps (RCC) Program are:
 - a. To develop partnerships between Rotarians and non-Rotarians in a joint effort to enhance their community

- b. To support community members who proactively address community needs, recognizing their unique ability to identify the most pressing concerns and suitable methods of implementation
 - c. To promote sustainable solutions to community needs by engaging a broader segment of the community in developing and implementing focused service projects
4. Rotary Community Corps Activities and Projects
- a. Rotary Community Corps are strongly encouraged to engage in activities and projects that are chosen based on thorough assessment of the community's specific needs, ensuring that they are carried out in accordance with all applicable local and national rules and regulations.
 - b. Each corps shall be responsible for planning, organizing, financing and conducting its own activities. It shall not solicit financial assistance from individuals, businesses, or organizations in the community without prior approval from the sponsoring Rotary club(s).
5. Rotary Community Corps (RCC) Sponsorship
- a. The sponsorship of each Rotary Community Corps shall be one or more local Rotary clubs which, through a committee of Rotarians, shall provide regular counsel on activities, programs, and policies of the corps.
 - b. Rotary Community Corps shall not be sponsored by Rotary clubs outside the boundaries of the district in which they are located.
6. Responsibilities of a sponsor Rotary club
- a. Sponsor Rotary club shall provide ongoing guidance to the Rotary Community Corps and share service-related resources and tools with the corps. The primary sponsor club is responsible for ensuring that activities of the RCC are aligned with RI's policies and procedures. Sponsor clubs are encouraged to invite RCC members to their meetings and events.
 - b. Sponsor Rotary club shall appoint at least one RCC advisor or a RCC committee whose responsibility is to participate in the meetings and activities of the RCC, advise on administrative matters, provide mentorship to the RCC leadership and members, and keep the sponsor club informed about the RCC's activities. The RCC advisor/committee should notify the district community service chair and RI about the accomplishments of the RCC for inclusion in the district and RI publications/communications.
 - c. Sponsor club or the current RCC representative shall provide RI with the contact information of the incoming RCC representative each year no later than 30 June. Failure to report the RCC representative to RI may result in the termination of the RCC.
7. Rotary Community Corps name and visual identity

- a. The name of a Rotary Community Corps shall include the wording “Rotary Community Corps” to show the corps’ affiliation with Rotary. The name should be one that helps identify its locality, sponsor Rotary club, or type of projects the corps is formed to carry out. The general secretary shall determine if a name is appropriate.
- b. The name and visual identity of the Rotary Community Corps shall be preserved for the exclusive use and benefit of the corps and its members. A corps and its members are entitled to display the name and visual identity in a dignified and appropriate manner. Each member shall give up such entitlement upon termination of membership or termination of the corps.

8. Membership in Rotary Community Corps (RCC)

- a. The membership of each corps shall consist of non-Rotarian adults with the desire and capacity to contribute toward enhancement of the community, with consideration given to those with leadership potential. Membership shall be open to any person living, working, or studying in or near the Corps’ community.
- b. All members of the Rotary Community Corps, by their acceptance of membership and continuation thereof, accept the policies and guidelines of the program as explained herein, and agree to comply with and be bound by these policies.
- c. Selection of members of each corps shall be determined by the corps in consultation with the sponsoring Rotary club(s).
- d. Membership may be terminated upon failure to continue to meet qualifications of membership, or for cause, as determined by the corps by vote of no less than two-thirds of all members in good standing.
- e. Any fees, dues or assessments to be paid by the membership of the corps shall be nominal and for the sole purpose of meeting administrative costs. Corps should enlist a qualified person to conduct an audit of all financial transactions once a year, the results of which should be reported to members of the corps and to the sponsoring Rotary club(s).

9. Rotary Community Corps (RCC) Leadership Group

- a. Rotary Community Corps shall establish a leadership group, in consultation with the sponsoring Rotary club(s), comprised of members in good standing and elected by a simple majority of the corps. The term of office shall be one year unless otherwise determined by the corps and sponsoring club(s).
- b. The leadership group shall elect from amongst themselves one individual to represent the corps (RCC representative) in any business with the sponsoring Rotary club(s) or the public. This representative may appoint such committees as deemed necessary to carry out tasks, which shall exist until completion of duties, discharge by the representative, or upon the end of the representative’s term. Committees for administration, vocational service, community service, and finance are recommended for each corps.

10. District community service chairs are highly encouraged to appoint a district Rotary Community Corps subcommittee.

The role and responsibilities of this subcommittee are to:

- a. Promote understanding of and participation in the RCC program through regular contact with clubs in the district and through district meetings
- b. Assist clubs establishing RCCs
- c. Encourage clubs to seek resources for their RCC projects on Rotary Ideas
- d. Identify successful RCC projects for promotion via the district website, governor's monthly newsletter, and Rotary Showcase
- e. Maintain records of RCC status and activities in the district, and report periodically to the governor and Secretariat

11. A Rotary Community Corps may be terminated:

- a. By Rotary International, with or without the consent, approval or concurrence of the sponsor Rotary club, for:
 - i. failure to function in accordance with RI's policies
 - ii. failure to function in accordance with its constitution
 - iii. initiating, or maintaining, or retaining in its membership an individual who initiates or maintains litigation against Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, or the district, including their directors, trustees, officers, and employees, or
 - iv. for other cause
 - v. for other cause
- b. By its sponsor Rotary club(s) or
- c. By the corps itself upon its own determination

Sponsor club shall notify RI if a RCC is no longer active or does not comply with RI's policies. RI will terminate the RCC upon receiving confirmation from the club president. (October 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 30)

Source: January 1986 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 180; October-November 1986 Mtg., Bd. Dec. E-21; October-November 1986 Mtg., Bd. Dec., E-24; October-November 1986 Mtg., Bd. Dec. E-25; October-November 1986 Mtg., Bd. Dec. E-26; May 1989 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 327; April 1991 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 279; April 1991 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281; April 1991 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 285; November 1991 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 124;

Amended by June 2010 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 222; May 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 205; January 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 87; October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 60; October 2022 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 30

41.020.1. RI Secretariat Service to Rotary Community Corps

The general secretary charters new Rotary Community Corps, develops program resources, and distributes annual communications to all sponsor Rotary clubs and district community service chairs. (*October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 60*)

Source: June 2010 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 222;

Amended by January 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 87; October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 60

41.020.2. RI Certification of Rotary Community Corps

The general secretary processes certification of Rotary Community Corps. The RCC Organization Form requires the signatures of the RCC representative and the sponsoring Rotary club. (*October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 60*)

Source: June 2010 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 222;

Amended by January 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 87; October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 60

41.030. Rotary Friendship Exchange

Rotary Friendship Exchange is a program of Rotary International, adopted by the Board in 1988.

Note: The Board regularly reviews and, as necessary, amends the “Rotary Friendship Exchange Guidelines,” which are as follows:

Rotary Friendship Exchanges give participating Rotarians, their families, and their friends the opportunity to host and visit one another internationally. The goal of an exchange is for participants to experience cultural immersion and intercultural exposure, foster greater international understanding, or to allow those who are new to their career to enhance their vocational skills, while making new connections and friendships, and, when possible, building a foundation for collaborative service projects.

Exchange teams should identify the purpose of each trip, such as but not limited to, a vocationally-oriented exchange, culturally-oriented exchange, service-oriented exchanges, and establishing a twin club or service partner relationship.

Rotary Friendship Exchanges have the following characteristics:

- They are reciprocal
- They are funded entirely by the participants and their respective districts
- They are open to Rotarians, their family members, and non-Rotarians
- They have an identified purpose and goals

Vocational Exchanges for Young Professionals

Rotary Friendship Exchange may also be used to provide a unique educational opportunity for young business and professional people in the initial years of professional life. These exchanges are designed to develop professional and leadership skills among young people to



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AGENDA ITEM # 4.d

Discussion on Pollinator Pathways

BACKGROUND

[Pollinator Pathway](#)

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

None



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

April 22, 2025

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AGENDA ITEM # 4.e

Discussion on Bird City Network Designation

BACKGROUND

[Bird City Designation](#)

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

None